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In re Application of:	:	
Kevin E. Mahaffy, et al	:	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
Application No.	:	FROM ISSUE
Filed: September 8, 2000	:	UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313
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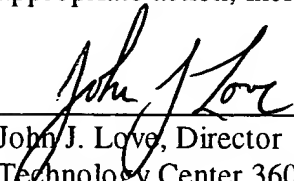
The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313 due to an interference. The reasons therefore will be communicated to you by the examiner.

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) records indicate that the issue fee has not yet been submitted. If the issue fee and publication fee has been submitted, applicant may request: (1) a refund; or, (2) that the fee be credited to a deposit account. Applicant may, however, wait until such time as the application is either allowed or abandoned to make such request. If the application is subsequently allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue and Publication Fee Due, applicant may further request that the previously submitted issue fee and publication fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee and publication fee in the amount identified in the new Notice of Allowance and Issue and Publication Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, applicant may request either a refund or a credit to a specified Deposit Account.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to John J. Love, Director, Technology Center, 36000 at (703) 308-1020.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

  
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John J. Love, Director  
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